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TO AMEMBASSY LIBREVILLE PRIORITY

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SUBJECT: GABON - PROCUREMENT OF V-150 ARMORED CARS UNDER
FMS

REFS: A) LIBREVILLE 2205; B) LIBREVILLE 2265

1. AS NOTED ON LOA, DELIVERY TIME FOR ARMORED CARS IS 18 MONTHS. THIS IS MEASURED FROM DATE OF ACCEPTANCE, I.E., RECEIPT OF SIGNED LOA, AND INITIAL DEPOSIT OF 437,034.74 DOLLARS (NOTE 13 OF LOA). IN CONNECTION WITH ABOVE PAYMENT OF DEPOSIT, GOG MUST REQUEST THAT USG APPLY AVAILABLE CREDIT TO MEET THIS DEPOSIT. THIS PROCEDURE SPELLED OUT IN CREDIT AGREEMENT, OF WHICH GOG AND EMBASSY HAVE COPIES.

2. THERE ARE NO EXISTING DOD STOCKS OF V-150 ARMORED CARS. GABONESE ORDER WILL HAVE TO COME FROM PRODUCTION, AND CADILLAC-GAGE ADVISES THAT IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE TO
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REDUCE 18-MONTH PRODUCTION/DELIVERY TIME TO MEET PRESIDENT

BONGO'S DESIRED DATE OF AUGUST, 1977. ONLY OTHER POSSIBILITY FOR EARLY DELIVERY WOULD BE IF GOG WERE TO PICK UP VEHICLES FROM THIRD COUNTRY ORDER IN EVENT OF CANCELLATION. EMBASSY MAY WISH EXPLORE THIS POSSIBILITY WITH CADILLAC-GAGE REP WHEN HE VISITS LIBREVILLE ON NOVEMBER 15.

3. THIS SITUATION WOULD NOT BE SIGNIFICANTLY AFFECTED BY CHOICE OF 76 MM GUN IN PLACE OF 90 MM GUN PRESENTLY ON ORDER. KISSINGER

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